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The principal duty of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board is oversight of the Resolution Funding Corporation. The Board prescribes regulations, orders, and directions to which the Directorate of the Resolution Funding Corporation is subject.

The Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, formerly the Oversight Board (of the Resolution Trust Corporation), was established as an instrumentality of the United States on August 9, 1989, by the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. 1441a).

Pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1441b(k)(7), the Board consists of three members: the Secretary of the Treasury, who is its Chairperson; the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

From August 9, 1989, through the termination of the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC) on December 31, 1995, the principal duty of the Board was to oversee and monitor RTC operations. During its existence, RTC managed and resolved failed thrift institutions, the accounts of which were formerly insured by the Federal Savings

and Loan Insurance Corporation and which were placed in conservatorship or receivership during the period January 1, 1989, through June 30, 1995.

Most of the Board's RTC-related duties terminated on December 31, 1995. Following the expected June 30, 1996, completion of those remaining, including the evaluation of audits and completion of final reports, the Board's primary responsibility will be oversight of the Resolution Funding Corporation (REFCORP), a mixed-ownership Government corporation established with the sole purpose of providing financing for RTC.

By resolution, the Board has directed the release of its employees as of the close of June 30, 1996.

The Chairperson of the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board (or the Chairperson's delegate) is a nonvoting member of the Affordable Housing Advisory Board.

For further information, contact the Director of Government and Public Affairs, Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, 808 Seventeenth Street NW., Washington, DC 20232. Phone, 202-416-2622.

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The Trade and Development Agency's mission is to promote economic development in, and simultaneously export U.S. goods and services to, developing and middle-income nations in the following regions of the world: Africa/Middle East, Asia/Pacific, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the New Independent States.

The Trade and Development Agency (TDA) was established on July 1, 1980, as a component organization of the International Development Cooperation Agency. Section 2204 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (22 U.S.C. 2421) made it a separate component agency. The organization was renamed and made an independent agency within the executive branch of the Federal Government on October 28, 1992, by the Jobs Through Exports Act of 1992 (22 U.S.C. 2421).

The Trade and Development Agency assists in the creation of jobs for Americans by helping U.S. companies pursue exports and other overseas business opportunities. It funds feasibility studies, orientation visits, training grants, business briefings, symposia, and various forms of technical assistance in support of specific projects, enabling American businesses to become involved in the planning of infrastructure and industrial projects in middle-income and developing nations. Working closely with a foreign nation sponsor, TDA makes its funds available on the condition that the foreign entity contracts with a U.S. firm to perform the actual work on the project. This affords American firms market entry, exposure, and information, thus helping them to establish a position in markets that are otherwise difficult to penetrate.

The Agency's focus is the planning and design engineering phase of major infrastructure and industrial projects. It is involved in several sectors, including:

agriculture, aviation, energy, environment, health care, manufacturing, mining and minerals development, telecommunications, transportation, and water resources.

Activities

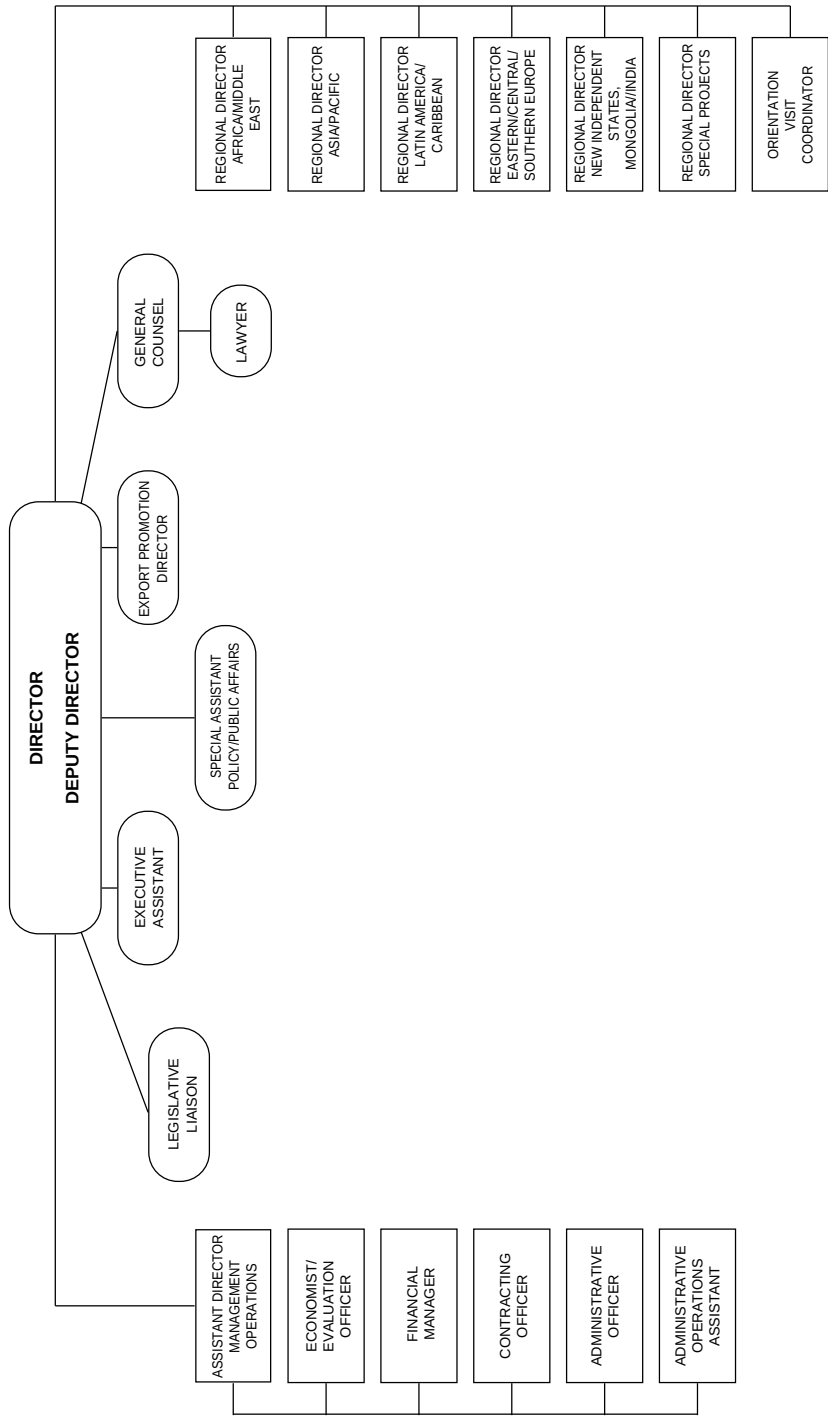
The Agency funds feasibility studies (or project plans) which evaluate the technical, economic, and financial aspects of a development project. These studies advise the host nation about the availability of U.S. goods and services and are required by financial institutions in assessing the creditworthiness of the undertaking. Funding activities are based upon an official request for assistance made by the sponsoring government or private sector organization of a developing or middle-income nation, and costs for a study typically are shared between TDA and the U.S. firm developing the project.

The Agency makes decisions on funding requests for feasibility studies based on the recommendations contained in the definitional mission or desk study report, the advice of the U.S. Embassy, and its internal analysis.

Sources of Information

Requests for proposals (RFP's) to conduct feasibility studies funded by TDA are listed in the *Commerce Business Daily*. Information on definitional mission opportunities can be obtained by calling TDA's "DM Hotline" at 703-875-7447. Small and minority U.S. firms that wish to be included in TDA's consultant

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database and considered for future solicitations should contact TDA's Contracts Office at 703-875-4357.

In an effort to provide timely information on Agency-supported projects, TDA publishes the *Biweekly* and a calendar of events which are available together on a paid subscription basis by calling 703-875-4246. A quarterly publication, *TDA Update*, contains current items of interest on a variety of program activities. Region- or sector-specific fact sheets and case studies also are available. An annual report summarizes the Agency's activities.

Agency news, reports, and lists of upcoming orientation visits and business briefings are available on the Internet at <http://www.tda.gov/>.

Regional program inquiries should be directed to the assigned Country Manager. Phone, 703-875-4357. Fax, 703-875-4009.

TDA's library maintains final reports on all TDA activities. These are available for public review Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Copies of completed feasibility studies must be purchased through the Department of Commerce's National Technical Information Service (NTIS).

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